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[H. R. 6810.]

[Public, No. 621.]

CHAP. 122.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to accept, without cost to the Government of the United States, a lighter-than-air base, near Sunnyvale, in the county of Santa Clara, State of California, and construct necessary improvements thereon.

Naval air station.
Acceptance, without
cost, of site near Sunny-
vale, Calif., for.
Post, p. 1577.

Description.

Construction of im-
provements.
Cost limitation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the United States, free from encumbrance and without cost to the United States, a title in fee simple to such lands as he may deem necessary or desirable near Sunnyvale, in the county of Santa Clara, State of California, particularly described in a report made to the Congress of the United States by the Secretary of the Navy on December 5, 1929, to wit: One thousand acres as a site for a naval air station, and construct thereon improvements necessary and proper for a lighter-than-air base, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000.

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[S. 615.]

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CHAP. 124.—An Act Authorizing an appropriation for payment to the Uintah, White River, and Uncompahgre Bands of Ute Indians in the State of Utah for certain lands, and for other purposes.

Uintah, etc., bands
of Ute Indians, Utah.
Payment to, for cer-
tain lands of, author-
ized.

Apportionment to
bands.

Provisos.
Value of remaining
lands to be ascertained.

Prompt report there-
of to Congress.

Proportionate share
credited to each band.

Interest allowed.
Administration of
fund.

Attorneys', etc., fees
allowed.

Provisos.
To be determined
upon a quantum me-
rit basis.

Limitation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$1,217,221.25 for payment, at the rate of \$1.25 per acre, to the Uintah, White River, and Uncompahgre bands of Ute Indians in the State of Utah for nine hundred and seventy-three thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven acres of land belonging to such Indians being a part of the one million and ten thousand acres of land withdrawn from entry and sale by an Executive Order dated July 14, 1905, and included within the Uintah National Forest. Such sum shall be in full satisfaction of all claims of said Indians against the United States with respect to such lands and shall, when appropriated, be apportioned by the Secretary of the Interior among the said bands of Indians in such amounts as in his opinion the interests of said bands require: *Provided*, That as to the balance of said one million and ten thousand acres, amounting to thirty-six thousand two hundred and twenty-three acres, which has heretofore been classified as coal lands, the Secretary of the Interior shall proceed with all convenient speed to ascertain the value thereof and report his findings with respect thereto to the Congress not later than six months after the approval of this Act for such action as to the Congress shall seem appropriate. The amounts so apportioned, less the amount of the attorneys' fees determined as provided in section 2, shall be credited to such bands on the books of the Treasury Department, shall bear interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum and shall be disposed of in the same manner as now or hereafter provided by law for the disposition of other funds belonging to said Indians.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to determine and pay to any attorney, attorneys, or other persons who may have rendered or performed any actual service or necessarily expended any money in connection with the claim of said bands of Indians, upon which the amount herein authorized to be appropriated is based: *Provided*, That in determining the fees, as herein authorized, the Secretary of the Interior may consider all contracts or agreements entered into by said bands of Indians with any attorney, attorneys, or other persons, who may have represented them in the prosecution of their claim, and determine the compensation in each case upon a quantum meruit basis: *Provided further*, That the aggre-

gate of fees and expenses allowed shall not exceed 5 per centum of the amount herein authorized to be appropriated, to be paid out of the appropriation when made pursuant to this Act: *And provided further*, That before any money is paid to any attorney, attorneys, or person, they shall first execute and deliver to the Secretary of the Interior a satisfaction and a discharge in writing of all claims and demands for services rendered and expenses incurred for said bands of Indians in the matter of their said claim.

Satisfactory release
required.

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CHAP. 125.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust payment of charges due on the Blackfeet Indian Irrigation Project, and for other purposes.

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[S. 1533.]

[Public, No. 623.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That where there are accumulated unpaid assessments of irrigation charges, plus accrued penalty, against trust patent or fee patent tracts of land on the Blackfeet irrigation project, Montana, and where purchasers or owners of such tracts are financially unable to pay such amounts in a lump sum, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to deliver irrigation water upon the execution of a suitable contract between such purchaser or owner and the United States, said contract providing for the payment of current annual assessments and annual payments of such percentage of the accumulated assessments as are deemed equitable. The period over which the payment of the accumulated assessments shall be spread shall be left to the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, but in no case shall the period of payment of such accumulated assessments exceed ten years: *Provided*, That upon the execution of any such contracts herein provided for any penalties or interest which may have accrued against such accumulated assessments shall be canceled, and in lieu thereof the principal amount of the indebtedness shall draw interest at the rate of 6 per centum per annum from the date of the execution of the contract.

Blackfeet Irrigation
Project, Montana.
Time extended for
paying assessments for
construction, main-
tenance charges, etc.
Vol. 38, p. 583,
amended.

Suitable contract to
be executed.

Period of deferred
payments.

Proviso.
Contracts to substi-
tute for accumulated
assessments, etc.

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CHAP. 126.—An Act Authorizing the cities of Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, and the counties of Douglas, Nebraska, and Pottawattamie, Iowa, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll or free bridge across the Missouri River at or near O'Hern Street, South Omaha, Nebraska.

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[S. 5768.]

[Public, No. 624.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the city of Omaha, Nebraska, or Douglas County, Nebraska, or the city of Council Bluffs, or Pottawattamie County, Iowa, or any two or more thereof cooperating, are hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near O'Hern Street, South Omaha, Nebraska, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Missouri River.
Omaha, Nebr., etc.,
may bridge, at South
Omaha.

Location.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon said cities and counties, acting jointly, or any one or more of them separately, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn,

Right to acquire real
estate, etc., for location,
approaches, etc.